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Dearth of Science Teachers
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed the shortage of science teachers in various colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (c): Universities are Autonomous Bodies created either under Central Acts or the State Acts and the onus of filling up of vacant teaching posts in these Universities and their affiliated Colleges lies with them. However, to ensure regular filling up of vacant posts in the Universities and their affiliated colleges, the following steps have been taken:

? The University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2010. Para 12.2 of the Regulations mandates that all the sanctioned / approved posts in the University system shall be filled up on an urgent basis.

? In order to meet the situation arising out of shortage of teachers in Universities and other teaching institutions and the consequent vacant positions therein, the age of superannuation for teachers in Central Educational Institutions has already been enhanced to sixty five years.

? The Central Universities are permitted to recruit Ad-hoc/Guest Faculty/Re-employed/Contract Faculty against vacant positions, from time to time, depending upon their operational requirements to the extent of 10% as per UGC regulations.

? UGC has requested all Vice Chancellors of Central Universities, State Universities and Deemed to be Universities in November, 2014 to make a serious effort to ensure that all vacant positions are filled by the University at the earliest. Filling up of teaching positions was also discussed in the Conference of Vice-Chancellors of the Central Universities held on 4th -5th February, 2015, Visitor's Conferences on 4th -6th November, 2015 and 16th -18th November, 2016 which were chaired by the Hon'ble President.

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